

FRANKLIN PIERCE HOMESTEAD

3 miles west of Hillsborough on New Hampshire Route 31

Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States, occupied this comfortable two-story clapboarded house from infancy until his marriage in 1834. Pierce held the presidency from 1853 to 1857, a critical period during which sectional differences escalated, eventually resulting in the Civil War. His father, Benjamin Pierce, who was New Hampshire's governor from 1827 to 1829, built the house in 1804. The homestead was donated to the State of New Hampshire in 1925, and is open to the public during summer months.